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Greitens keeps inner workings of his office cloaked in secrecy

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From the moment he became Missouri's governor, Eric Greitens has worked to shroud the inner workings of his office in secrecy.

Members of his taxpayer-funded transition team were required to sign gag orders banning them from discussing their work publicly. His office continues to withhold emails from the transition, refusing to turn over emails from individuals who played key roles but who conducted public business using private email accounts.

He broke with tradition when he refused to disclose how much lobbyists and corporations donated to fund his inaugural festivities, and his use of private planes for official travel often leaves Missourians in the dark about who is picking up the tab.

The secrecy surrounding Greitens' political fundraising, which is mostly centered on a nonprofit that isn't required to disclose its donors, has resulted in near constant questions about the governor's motives and whether they are tied to special interests trying to curry favor.

When responding to requests for public records, the governor's office often charges fees some argue are exorbitant, and the time it takes to turn over those records can stretch out for months.

In an investigative series last week, The Star chronicled a litany of problems in Kansas — a state many consider among the most secretive in the nation — including abuses of its open records law.

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Fireworks lit the sky over the Country Club Plaza at the Plaza Lighting ceremony Thanksgiving night. It was the 88th year for the ceremony, which signals the start of the holiday season in Kansas City.

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Jackson County jail guard in critical condition after assault by inmate

BY LAURA BAUER AND MIKE HENDRICKS
The Kansas City Star

A Jackson County corrections officer is in critical condition at a local hospital after being assaulted by a prisoner Wednesday evening.

The life-threatening assault — which lasted approximately eight minutes — occurred at the Jackson County Regional Correctional Center around 9:30 p.m. Police officers responded to the hospital Wednesday evening and met with a correctional center supervisor, according to Kansas City police.

Surveillance video and witness statements show the defendant assaulted the corrections officer for several minutes with numerous items, including a plastic cone, records show. The corrections officer was unconscious for much of the assault.

"I'm praying for a Jackson County jail guard fighting for his life after a vicious attack by an inmate," Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker tweeted

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